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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NEW ASYG

1. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TOO MANY FUNCTIONS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR STANDARDIZATION, INTEROPERABILITY, AND ALL FORMS OF CNAD AND EXTRA-CNAD ALLIANCE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN ARMAMENTS AND EQUIPMENT. FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE THOUGHT FOR SOME TIME THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS AREA OF THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS, BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP TO INTEROPERABILITY, STANDARDIZATION AND R AND D COOPERATION, SHOULD BE PLACED UNDER ASYG DEFENSE SUPPORT.

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2. THUS, UPON RETIREMENT OF THE INCUMBENT, IT WOULD SEEM LOGICAL TO CONVERT THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO AN ASYG FOR COUNCIL OPERATIONS, LOGISTICS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSFERRING COMMUNICATIONS TO ASYG DEFENSE SUPPORT AT THE SAME TIME.

3. WE WOULD THINK THAT CANADA WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE A HIGHLY-QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL FOR THIS NEW POST OF ASYG.

4. MISSION SHOULD USE THE ABOVE IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED SOUNDINGS ALSO REFERRED TO IN USNATO 422. WE HOPE THAT WE WILL SOON BE IN A POSITION IN INITIATE ACTION IN THE APPROPRIATE NATO COMMITTEES THAT WILL LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS NEW POSITION. SUFFICIENT EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD THIS GOAL IS ESSENTIAL SO THAT THE COMBINED FUNCTIONS WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MACBRIAN'S SUCCESSOR.

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